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**NEWLY-APPOINTED DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL
COMMISSIONER ROLANDO TORRES, JR., RECOGNIZED BY
HISPANIC ORGANIZATION**

**Save Latin America, honors an expert in civil rights and workplace issues with Los Tres
Proceres Antillanos Award**

TRENTON, NJ—Newly-appointed Personnel Commissioner Rolando Torres, Jr., received the *Los Tres Proceres Antillano* Award presented by Save Latin America, a New Jersey Hispanic organization, at an awards dinner held in Secaucus on January 28, 2005. The award recognizes the achievements of Hispanic-American community leaders throughout New Jersey.

"I am honored and pleased to be accepting an award that includes me with people that I highly respect not only for their achievements in their fields but for their contributions to the Hispanic communities of New Jersey," said Torres, who was appointed by Acting Governor Richard Codey to serve in his cabinet, November 23, 2004.

Torres, an attorney and mediator, has 20 years of experience as a public servant, serving the State of New Jersey. During his career, Torres helped to implement historic child welfare reform while working for the New Jersey Department of Human Services. In 1999, while serving as Assistant Commissioner in the Department of Banking and Insurance, Torres was also instrumental in negotiating legislative agreements, which ultimately became New Jersey's Auto Reform Act of 2003.

"This award honors prominent men and women of our community who are committed to following the path of leadership established by three Caribbean forefathers, Eugenio Maria de Hostos, Jose Marti and Juan Pablo Duarte," said Antonio Ibarria, Chairman of Save Latin America Foundation.

Started in 1996, the *Los Tres Proceres Antillano* award is annually presented to Hispanic leaders of Puerto Rican, Dominican and Cuban heritage, representing the fields of education, health care, communications, commerce, politics and economic development.

Some additional recipients of the 2005 award includes: Patsi Arias, anchor at Telemundo 47; Ana Maria Belaval, correspondent at Univision; Carlos Rendo, attorney; and, Angel Estrada, Freeholder, Vice Chairman of Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The Save Latin America Foundation is a non-profit community-based organization that provides services and resources in health, education, business development, as well as promoting government awareness to Hispanics of all ages. Save Latin America was founded in 1990.

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